

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-116, Claims 138-144, and Claims 146-186, which claims were previously withdrawn, without prejudice. Please amend Claims 117-137 and 145 and add new Claims 187-191. A complete copy of the claims including marked-up versions of each claim which is amended in this Amendment appears below.

Claims 1-116 (Cancelled).

- 1 117. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:
3 at least one sheet of web material including ~~at least a hood having~~ two areas of
4 structural weakness located therein, said hood having at least one a fold structure located
5 between ~~and defined by~~ said two areas of structural weakness, said fold defining a top of
6 said reclosable bag;
7 a first side panel included in said web material on a side of one of said areas of
8 structural weakness opposite said top of said reclosable bag;
9 a second side panel included in said web material;
10 a gusseted portion included in said web material and located ~~generally opposite~~
11 ~~said fold structure, and~~ intermediate said first and second panels, said gusseted portion
12 defining a bottom of said reclosable bag;

13 an opening located between said ~~fold structure~~ hood and said ~~gusseted portion~~;
14 second side panel;
15 a reclosable fastener structure including first and second interlockable fastener
16 tracks each having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending ~~therefrom~~; therefrom,
17 said skirt structures each including a distal ~~margin~~; portion, one of said distal ~~margin~~
18 portions being coupled to said web material at, ~~at least one location between said areas of~~
19 ~~structural weakness and said opening~~; near the intersection of said hood and said first side
20 panel, the other of said distal portions being coupled to said web material near the portion
21 of said hood most distal from said first side panel near said opening;
22 wherein said first and second interlockable fastener tracks of said reclosable fastener
23 structure ~~extending past said areas of structural weakness and~~ extend into said ~~fold~~
24 ~~structure~~; hood toward said top of said reclosable bag above said areas of structural
25 weakness, and wherein said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one
26 food product through said opening.

1 118. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said skirt web material ~~is~~ structures are integral to ~~the reclosable fastener~~
3 ~~structure~~. said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 119. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said skirt web ~~material is~~ structures are coupled to ~~the reclosable fastener~~
3 ~~structure.~~ said first and second interlockable fastener tracks.

1 120. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 118~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein ~~the integral~~ said skirt structures each includes include an outside surface and an
3 inside surface, and ~~wherein,~~ each of said outside and inside surfaces includes a respective
4 upper and lower portion.

1 121. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 120~~ as defined in Claim 120,
2 further ~~including~~ comprising:

3 a backing strip ~~located opposite said opening and between said inside surface and~~
4 ~~said opening; said backing strip including two opposed surfaces, at least a portion of one~~
5 ~~of said surfaces having an adhesive deposited thereon; whereby said portion of said~~
6 ~~backing strip may be adhesively joined with the inside surface of the integral skirt.~~
7 adhesively joined to said inside surface of said skirt structure having its distal portion
8 coupled to said web material near the portion of said hood most distal from said first
9 panel.

1 122. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 121~~ as defined in Claim 121,
2 wherein said backing strip extends below said lower portion of said inside surface of said

3 skirt structure having its distal portion coupled to said web material near the portion of
4 said hood most distal from said first panel.

1 123. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said web material of said reclosable bag is substantially comprised of a single
3 sheet of a parent film material having predetermined dimensions.

1 124. (Currently Amended) The A parent film material of ~~claim 123~~ as defined in Claim
2 123, wherein ~~the~~ said areas of structural weakness are integral to said parent film
3 material.

1 125. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend linearly across a predetermined
3 dimension of said sheet of web material.

1 126. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 125~~ as defined in Claim 125,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is width.

1 127. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag of ~~claim 125~~ as defined in Claim 125,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is length.

1 128. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend nonlinearly across a predetermined
3 dimension of said sheet of said web material.

1 129. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 128~~ as defined in Claim 128,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is width.

1 130. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 128~~ as defined in Claim 128,
2 wherein ~~the~~ said predetermined dimension of said sheet of web material is length.

1 131. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness extend across a predetermined dimension of
3 said sheet of web material in a predetermined pattern.

1 132. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise perforations.

1 133. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise scoring.

1 134. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said areas of structural weakness comprise microperforations.

1 135. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 117~~ as defined in Claim 117,
2 wherein said sheet of web material is comprised of a multiple laminate film.

1 136. (Currently Amended) The A reclosable bag ~~of claim 135~~ as defined in Claim 135,
2 wherein said multiple laminate film ~~includes~~ comprises at least one layer of material
3 comprising a tear path.

1 137. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material including a hood having a first area of structural
4 weakness and a second area of structural ~~weakness~~; weakness, said sheet of web material
5 including ~~at least one~~ a fold structure located between ~~and defined by~~ said first and
6 second areas of structural weakness, said fold defining a top of said reclosable bag;

7 a first side panel included in said web material on a side of one of said areas of
8 structural weakness opposite said top of said reclosable bag;

9 a second side panel included in said web material;

10 a gusseted portion included in said web material and located generally opposite
11 ~~said fold structure~~; and intermediate said first and second panels, said gusseted portion
12 defining a bottom of said reclosable bag;

13 a fill opening located generally between said ~~fold portion~~ hood and said gusseted
14 ~~portion~~; second side panel;

15 a reclosable fastener structure including a ~~male~~ first mating track structure and a
16 ~~female second mating track structure;~~ is structure, said ~~male~~ first mating track structure
17 including a first fin structure of web material extending therefrom and said ~~female second~~
18 mating track structure including a second fin structure of web material extending
19 ~~therefrom;~~ therefrom, each said fin structure including a ~~predetermined~~ distal coupling
20 ~~portion;~~ portion, said distal coupling ~~portions~~ portion of said first fin structure being
21 coupled to said web material near the intersection of said hood and said first side panel,
22 said distal coupling portion of said second fin structure being coupled to said web
23 material near the portion of said hood most distal from said first side panel near said
24 opening;

25 ~~one of said fin structures being located adjacent said fill opening and including a~~
26 ~~backing strip;~~ strip mounted on the side of said second fin structure opposite said web
27 material coupled to said second fin structure, said backing strip ~~located generally~~
28 ~~opposite said fill opening;~~ extending downwardly from said second fin structure;
29 wherein said reclosable fastener structure extending past first and second mating track
30 structures extend above said areas of structural weakness and into said fold structure;
31 hood toward said top of said reclosable bag, wherein said reclosable bag is capable of
32 being filled with at least one food product through said fill opening.

Claims 138-144 (Cancelled).

1 145. (Currently Amended) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product,
2 said reclosable bag comprising:
3 at least one sheet of web material including first and second side panels and a
4 hood extending from a top end of said first side panel, at least two areas of structural
5 ~~weakness, having at least one fold structure located between and defined by said two areas~~
6 ~~of structural weakness~~; weakness being located in said hood and having a fold located
7 therebetween which fold defines a top of said reclosable bag, said web material also
8 including a gusseted structure located intermediate said first and second panels, said
9 gusseted structure being located opposite said fold structure;
10 a reclosable fastener including a skirt structures extending therefrom; therefrom,
11 said skirt structures including a distal ~~margin~~; margins, said distal margins being coupled
12 to said web material at, ~~at least one location located between said areas of structural~~
13 ~~weakness and said gusseted structure~~; and at opposite ends of said hood such that said
14 reclosable fastener structure extends above said areas of structural
15 ~~weakness and~~ into said fold structure.

Claims 146-186 (Cancelled).

1 187. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, wherein said reclosable fastener
2 structure comprises a slider fastener assembly.

1 188. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, wherein said reclosable fastener
2 structure comprises a slider fastener assembly.

1 189. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, wherein said reclosable fastener
2 structure comprises a press-to-close fastener assembly.

1 190. (New) A reclosable bag as defined in Claim 117, additionally comprising:
2 a peelable seal located between said first and second side panels.

1 191. (New) A reclosable bag for filling with at least one food product, said reclosable
2 bag comprising:

3 at least one sheet of web material defining:

4 a front panel having a top, a bottom, and sides;

5 a rear panel having a top, a bottom, and sides;

6 a gusseted portion extending between said bottoms of said front and rear
7 panels, said gusseted portion defining a bottom of said reclosable bag; and

8 a hood portion having a fold located at an intermediate location therein
9 which fold defines a top of said reclosable bag, said hood portion having sides and
10 two downwardly extending opposite ends, one of said downwardly extending
11 opposite ends being connected to said top of said rear panel;

12 an area of structural weakness located in said hood portion between said fold and
13 each of said downwardly extending opposite ends;

14 a reclosable fastener including first and second interlockable fastener tracks each
15 having a skirt structure of skirt web material extending downwardly therefrom, said skirt
16 structures each including a distal portion, one of said distal portions being coupled to said
17 hood near said one of said downwardly extending opposite ends connected to said top of
18 said rear panel, the other of said distal portions being coupled to said hood near the other
19 of said downwardly extending opposite ends; and

20 an opening located between said other of said downwardly extending opposite
21 ends and said top of said front panel;

22 wherein at least said first and second interlockable fastener tracks of said reclosable
23 fastener extend above said areas of structural weakness and into said hood, and wherein
24 said reclosable bag is capable of being filled with at least one food product through said
25 opening.